

TOP SECRET
SECURITY INFORMATION

8 August 1952

US OFFICIALS ONLY

CIA No. 49766
Copy No. 48

TOP SECRET SUPPLEMENT

TO THE CURRENT INTELLIGENCE DIGEST

(including S/S Cables)

Not for dissemination outside O/CI and O/NE.

Office of Current Intelligence

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

This digest of significant reports has been prepared primarily for the internal use of the Office of Current Intelligence. It does not represent a complete coverage of all current reports in CIA or in the Office of Current Intelligence. Comments represent the immediate views of the Office of Current Intelligence.

State Dept. declassification & release instructions on file

TOP SECRET
SECURITY INFORMATION

TOP SECRET

THIS MATERIAL CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE LAWS, TITLE 18, USC, SECS. 793 AND 794, THE TRANSMISSION OR REVELATION OF WHICH IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW.

* * *

NEAR EAST - AFRICA

1. Greece considers abandoning plans for naval maneuvers with Yugoslavia: Greek Minister of Defense Mavros told Ambassador Peurifoy on 6 August that adverse Italian reaction to the planned joint Greek-Yugoslav naval maneuvers had caused Greece to "stall indefinitely on concrete arrangements." Mavros indicated, however, that he was willing to approach the Italians again to attempt to convince them that the maneuvers would not be contrary to Italian interest. He suggested that the United States try to persuade Italy to withdraw its objections. (TS Athens 468, 6 Aug 52)

Comment: Greece has been anxious to proceed with Greek-Yugoslav defense planning and welcomed the Yugoslav suggestion to hold naval maneuvers.

LATIN AMERICA

2. American Ambassador sees danger in Czech missions in Latin America: Ambassador Briggs believes that the primary purpose of the Czech missions in Latin America is propaganda, espionage, and "other Kremlin purposes," rather than trade and normal diplomatic activity. He feels that it would be "greatly to our advantage to encourage termination" of these missions, or if this proves impractical, the reduction of the personnel to the number of Latin American officials stationed in Prague. (TS S/S Prague 72, 6 Aug 52)

Comment: Czechoslovakia now has missions in Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, and Ecuador, and also maintains relations with several other Latin American countries. While these missions are in some cases engaged in illegal activities, they have also been active commercially in procuring dollars and raw materials. Covert activities of any terminated Czech missions could be taken over by Soviet missions in three of

TOP SECRET

TOP SECRET

the countries, and a Polish mission in a fourth.

Brazilian officials have recently stated that there is no apparent reason for breaking relations with the Satellites so long as the United States does not do so. A similar reaction could probably be expected from Mexico and Uruguay and also from Argentina, which receives significant quantities of manufactured goods from Czechoslovakia.

TOP SECRET

CONTROL AND COVER SHEET FOR TOP SECRET DOCUMENT

ATTENTION: This form will be placed on top of and attached to each Top Secret document received by the Central Intelligence Agency or classified Top Secret within the CIA and will remain attached to the document until such time as it is downgraded, destroyed, or transmitted outside of CIA. Access to Top Secret matter is limited to Top Secret Control personnel and those individuals whose official duties relate to the matter. Top Secret Control Officers who receive and/or release the attached Top Secret material will sign this form and indicate period of custody in the left-hand columns provided. Each individual who sees the Top Secret document will sign and indicate the date of handling in the right-hand columns.

NOTICE OF DETACHMENT: When this form is detached from Top Secret material it shall be completed in the appropriate spaces below and transmitted to Central Top Secret Control for record.

FORM 26 USE PREVIOUS EDITIONS.

(401)

TOP SECRET